



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you will have “the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension” in the midst of the sobering series of events that continue to take place. Remember you are never alone, for the One who “counts the numbers of the stars” and “gives names to all of them” (Psalm 147:4 NASB) is the very One who has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5 NASB). Furthermore, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we also have each other to lean upon during times of difficulty and hardship. Let us continue to draw near to God and to each other as we face times of uncertainty and difficulty. Continue to pray for those who have been or who will be affected by the virus. Pray for our leaders to have wisdom to make the best decisions. Pray for our healthcare workers on the front lines treating those who have been afflicted. Pray for God to use all of these things to point people to Jesus, our only hope and peace!

I want to remind you that the facilities God has blessed us with does not constitute the church. Rather, it is just the building where the family of God meets together for worship, discipleship and fellowship. Never forget that as a believer in Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit lives within you. 1 Corinthians 3:16 states, “Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Furthermore 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.” Therefore we do not go to church, rather we are the church! More now than ever, our community, state and nation need to see the church of Jesus Christ is action like never before!

The situation in which we find ourselves is difficult and as I have stated before, we need be smart, proactive and use our common sense. Therefore, it is after much prayer and concern for everyone’s health and safety, we will not be meeting on campus for the next two Sundays (March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>). However, we will still meet as the church via the internet on Facebook Live (@ForestburgBC) and on our website <https://www.forestburgbaptist.org/sermons.html>. The following is list of steps we are taking as we embark on this endeavor.

1. On Sunday, March 22 @ 11:30am we will live stream on the sites listed above.
2. Our custodial team will continue to keep our facilities clean with extra attention given to disinfecting common touch areas such as door handles and flat surfaces.

3. You can drop off your gift(s) at the office or by mail: Forestburg Baptist Church, PO Box 358, Forestburg, TX 76239; give online @ <https://www.forestburgbaptist.org/give.html> or by texting the word “give” to 844-703-0292.
4. If you are need of prayer please call or text me @ 817-694-4952 or you can submit your request online @ <https://www.forestburgbaptist.org/prayer-requests.html>. Please know that I am the only one who receives prayer requests via online.
5. Please continue to check our website [www.forestburgbaptist.org](http://www.forestburgbaptist.org) on a regular basis and secondly, ensure we have your current contact information. The following page <https://www.forestburgbaptist.org/connect.html> has been set up on our website to help expedite this process. Additionally, take advantage of social media and follow us on the following: @Forestburgbc (Facebook), @forestburgbc (Twitter) and forestburg\_baptist\_church (Instagram).
6. Wednesday night (March 25<sup>th</sup>) we will be conducting a “drive-thru” for our BLAST Kids from 5:30-6:00pm. We will pack bags with snacks and information concerning the upcoming weeks. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be posting videos on our children’s page <https://www.forestburgbaptist.org/children.html> and on Facebook Live that coincide with the material we have passed out. The goal of this is to keep the children engaged in Bible Study and to maintain our relationship with them as well as their parents, grandparents, guardians, etc.
7. The church workday scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> has been postponed as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship scheduled for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Go-Tell Crusade scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> has been postponed as well.

In closing I want to encourage you with the following the Scripture:

“On God my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.” -Psalm 62:7-8 (NASB)

In His Love

Pastor Tim